

## Teen Court Goals:

- ♦ Hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, helping them to recognize the consequences ordered in Teen Court are a direct result of their actions.
- ♦ Provide teenage offenders with a positive experience in the judicial system, with the hope of reducing recidivism and deterring future crime.
- ♦ Educate youth volunteers and offenders on legal and judicial processes.
- ♦ Provide an opportunity to youth volunteers to perform a valuable community service, which will reflect well on future college and employment applications.

\*Letters of recommendation from the Cedar Park Municipal Court are available upon request for Teen Court Volunteers.



## Defendant Reminder:

You have **90 days** to complete your community service, jury terms and any other sentencing requirements you receive at your Teen Court trial. Failure to complete these requirements within **90 days** may result in the case being referred back to the Municipal Court Judge, possibly resulting in a conviction with imposition of a fine. Teen Court proceedings are governed by state and local law.

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## What is Teen Court?



Teen Court is a program that offers teenage offenders an important second chance to learn from their mistakes without the high cost and stigma of a criminal record.

Teen Court is a real justice program run by teens for teens. Juveniles who have committed a misdemeanor crime appear before a jury of their peers.

Teen Court cases are presented by volunteer teen attorneys to a teen jury.

Teen Court attorneys consist of volunteers from local secondary schools and the Teen Court jury consists of volunteers and previous youth defendants. The jury members then assess an appropriate sentence of community service, jury terms and possible other options, following the sentencing guidelines found in this brochure.

Teen Court is offered as a positive "hands on" experience to divert offenders away from a pattern of criminal behavior. Cases heard in Teen Court involve crimes such as traffic violations, theft, possession of alcohol and other Class C, fine only, misdemeanors.



## Who is eligible?

Youths age 10-17, or who are enrolled full-time in an accredited secondary school may request Teen Court from the Municipal Court Judge for most Class C misdemeanors. The defendant must enter a plea of "guilty" or no contest "nolo contendere" for referral to Teen Court. A teen may enroll only once in a two-year period. Parental consent and participation is required.

## How much does it cost?

Defendants must pay a non-refundable \$20.00 Teen Court Fee at the time of referral, plus any and all court costs.

## Dress Code

No shorts, short skirts, tank tops, baggy or tight clothing; no sweat clothes, flip-flops, hats, bare midriff, jeans or pants with holes in them; shirts with explicit writing or drawings also prohibited.

## Volunteers

To volunteer you must be 13-18 years of age with reliable transportation, and a resident of Cedar Park, or a Leander ISD student. Teen Court meets at 5:00pm and begins promptly at 5:30pm one day a month. Accordingly, you must be able to commit to one evening per month.



## Sentencing Guidelines

*\*Including, but not limited to the following*

<b>Class 1</b>	10-20 Community Service & 1 Jury Term
	Speeding 1-10 mph, Failure to Control Speed, No/Improper Signal
<b>Class 2</b>	15-25 Community Service & 1-2 Jury Terms
	Curfew, Disobey Traffic Control Devices, Speeding 11-20 mph, Following Too Closely, Tobacco, Park Curfew
<b>Class 3</b>	20-40 Community Service & 2-3 Jury Terms
	No Insurance, Speeding in School Zone 1-10 mph, Cell Phone Use in School Zone, Speeding 21-25 mph, Reckless Damage, Disorderly Conduct (language), Disrupting Class Conduct (language)
<b>Class 4</b>	30-60 Community Service & 2-3 Jury Terms
	Speeding over 25 mph, Public Intoxication, Assault, Disrupting Class Conduct (fighting), Alcohol Violations, PODP, Disorderly Conduct (fighting), Theft

Additional sanctions may be required by statute or recommended by the Jury.